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TOPIC Military Information from Fuerstenwalde	
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2. On 10 November, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Noises heard from the billeting area indicated that the troops were overhauling tanks, weapons and vehicles. Four T-34/85 tanks were seen leaving the installation toward Neuendorf. They apparently belonged to the tank training unit which did not go to troop training grounds. Vehicles of the unit were seen engaged in night driving with blackout lights. Sedan occupied by field-grade officers, crashed into another sedan on 8 November. Civilians assembling at the scene of the incident learned that the sedan involved belonged to the general who had his residence on Wilhelmstrasse.

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3. On 10 November, the Ulanen Kaserne on Braunsdorferstrasse quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Although all barracks buildings were occupied, the occupation was still below capacity. Troops seen at the nearby training area practiced with 1 heavy machine gun, 1 medium mortar. Two squads were also engaged in field training. Ditches and steep inclines were prepared for tank driving practice, and a makeshift loading ramp was constructed from logs. A unit of 100 to 120 soldiers with field bags were seen marching into the installation. The troops seemed to have newly arrived. all habitable buildings of the Mars-la-Tour Kaserne on the road to Rauen belonged to the billeting area of the Ulanen Kaserne. The noise of tank motors was heard from the billeting area.

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4. A Soviet supply installation was located on the road to Berkenbrueck, near the water tower, and extended about 500 meters along the road.

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Sentries and other soldiers observed there wore red epaulets. They seemed to belong to a supply unit [redacted] Numerous German women prepared potatoes and vegetables in the supply installation.

5. The Soviet office on Kleiststrasse seemed to be a headquarters. Sentries in front of it wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All officers entering the building had to produce their passes. Incoming shipments of furniture were observed. (4) 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] 21 tanks were detained in Fuerstenwalde on 29 October. (5) 50X1-HUM
7. The barracks installation on the road to Rauen was largely destroyed. The habitable buildings were occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 trucks stood between the sheds in the billeting area on 27 October. Truck [redacted] was seen entering the installation. (3) 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the Fliegerhorst Kaserne quarters a regiment of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM
- (2) According to previous information, the Pioneer Kaserne quartered the unidentified tank training battalion of the 7th Gds Mecz Div during the 1951 summer training period. [redacted] The present report indicates that the battalion was still located in the Pioneer Kaserne but does not aid in identifying the other troops there. Prior to the 1951 summer training period, headquarters units and the Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div were carried in the Pioneer Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The Ulanen Kaserne may quarter components of the 26th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, which is carried in Fuerstenwalde. The partially damaged Mars-la-Tour Kaserne, which is located about 1 km south of the Ulanen Kaserne, may also quarter components of the 26th Gds Mecz Regt or a motor transport unit of the division. Most of the vehicles observed there belong to the 7th Gds Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM
- (4) The office is reported for the first time. Elements of the Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div from the Pioneer Kaserne may have been moved to the building on Kleist Strasse.
- (5) The tanks are believed to have come from Lieberose and to belong to the 26th Gds Mecz Regt. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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